Expenditure on Airport Security

642. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CISF has substituted the respective State police forces for ensuring the security of airports under Airports Authority of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this has led to an increase in expenditure of Airports Authority of India;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have taken up the issue of this increased expenditure with appropriate authorities because AAI is possibly not responsible for this decision; and

(f) if so, the response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. CISF has been deployed at 47 operational airports;

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The expenditure on airport security was Rs. 71.22 crores during the financial year 1999-2000 i.e. before induction of CISF. After the induction of CISF the following expenditure has been incurred on airport security:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Amount
2000-01	109.89
2001-02	201.96
2002-03	247.62

(e) No, sir.

(f) Does not arise.

New air traffic stipulation

643. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether international civil aviation authorities are considering lowering of air traffic corridors from 40,000 ft. to 20,000 ft and also the gap between two corridors from 4000 ft. to 2000 ft. to allow increased air traffic;

(b) whether the new stipulations include enforcement of licence regulations for Air Traffic Controllers; and

(c) whether Pakistan has already introduced licencing system for ATCs as an abundant safety measure and if so, whether India is likely to follow suit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) The International Civil Aviation Organization has introduced Reduced Vertical Separation Minima (RVSM) of 1000 feet for aircraft flying between the flight levels of 29000 feet to 41000 feet over the airspace of South East Asia including India. This reduced vertical separation would be able to accomodate more number of aircraft in the airspace.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No information is available with regard to introduction of licensing system for Air Traffic Controllers (ATCs) in Pakistan.

Modernisation of Airports in Southern States

644. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the on-going projects of modernisation of airports in the Southern States, State-wise and airport-wise; and

(b) what is the present status of each of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Details of ongoing projects for modernization of airports in the Southern States alongwith their status are as under.

ANDHRA PRADESH—Extension and resurfacing of runway, apron, taxi-track and construction of parallel tax-track with shoulders including bridge etc. at Hyderabad airport is in progress and likely to be completed by June 2004. Development of Vishakhapatnam airport is in progress and likely to be completed by September 2005.

KARNATAKA—Selection of contractors for construction of new runway and allied works at Mangalore airport is in progress and its completion period is 24 months from the date of award of work.

KERALA—Expansion and modification of existing international terminal building and existing domestic terminal building at Calicut airport is in progress and likely to be completed by December 2005. At Trivandrum International airport, work for strengthening of main runway and taxiway has been awarded in April 2003 and is likely to be completed by May 2004. Also the work for standardisation of perimeter wall and fencing of operational are is in progress and likely to be completed by October 2004.

TAMIL NADU—At Chennai International airport, providing, fixing and commissioning water softening/treatment for existing water supply system